U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Sikorsky UH-60 (A, L or M Models) Black Hawk

FACT SHEET

UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters are medium-range, all weather, rotary-wing tactical aircraft used by Air and Marine Operations (AMO) to protect the American public from terrorism and drug smuggling and to enforce airspace security over critical venues.

UH-60 helicopters are used by AMO to perform missions such as maritime, aviation, and land interdiction; insertion of agents in remote areas; and joint operations during contingency operations and national taskings, such as disaster response.

AMO's UH-60s, classified as medium lift, fly with a minimum crew of three (pilot, copilot, and crew member), and are large, powerful helicopters that can carry all the equipment and personnel necessary for law enforcement operations without sacrificing range and speed. In addition, they are capable of handling the all weather hazardous environments AMO may experience.

The UH-60 is used to conduct search and rescue operations over land because of its spacious interior, which allows aircrew to assess and stabilize injured persons. The UH-60 is also used to provide support for special operations and air mobility such as personnel and equipment transport.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
  150 knots (172 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**
  20,000 feet
- **Range**
  600 nautical miles (690 miles)
- **Endurance**
  4.5 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
  22,000 pounds

Features:

- Internal auxiliary fuel tanks
- Infrared detection system
- Night sun spotlight
- Night vision goggle-compatible